Dean Thinks Tape Might Be Restored

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 22 (AP)—Former White House counsel John Dean says the 18½-minute gap in the Watergate tapes might be restorable.

Dean said in an interview Sunday evening that an expert on tape recordings, whom he declined to identify, told him recently that tape erasures never are complete.

Dean, here promoting his book, "Blind Ambition," said the expert said technicians could pick up enough weak traces of the original recordings to determine what was said during the 18½-minute period.

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